

TO ALL PARENTS

ACB/GAE

18 March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Further to the latest developments and government steps to delay the outbreak of the Coronavirus, it is with great sadness that I announce the closure of Scarborough College's doors at 4.15pm on Friday until further notice.

It is important to note that only our physical doors are going to be shut. Our virtual doors remain open and we are committed to providing continued high level of teaching and learning. We will also continue to provide guidance, assistance and updates during these turbulent times. Pupils will be able to follow every academic lesson that they would normally have on a day-by-day basis and teaching staff will be collecting on-line work completed by pupils, marking it as normal and providing feedback.

Form Tutors will be in touch shortly to check if there are any problems logging into Google Classroom or any other online platforms and any questions about working from home. Please keep checking our dedicated Web page, as we will keep adding tips and useful information throughout like the Stay Safe presentation we have added. Communication channels will remain open both via the tutor as well as Senior members of staff, who will hope to respond to all email enquiries within 24 hours. Currently, it is unclear whether the telephone system will be manned so email communication may be most effective.

Over the past weeks, we have been working towards contingency plans to keep the College open for children of 'Key Workers and vulnerable children (children with EHCP Plans)' as specified by the Prime Minister this evening. We will be providing updates on these measures as soon as possible and we will be following Government guidelines.

Last but not least, a further email will be sent to parents of boarders, outlining our ongoing plans to look after, care for and teach our boarding community.

If these unprecedented times have taught us anything, it is that communities of people come together to share messages of care, love and help. The Scarborough College community is no different and both teaching staff and support staff remain dedicated to keep Scarborough College's virtual doors open until the real ones are opened again. As mentioned in my email last night, we are prepared for many different scenarios, including extending the end of the summer to give the pupils more classroom teaching. Flexibility of term dates is something we are considering, in addition to the virtual classroom teaching your son/daughter will receive.

Yours faithfully

**Guy Emmett**  
Headmaster